

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 47. (Cancelled).

48. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus, comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a television broadcasting signal in which video signals of a plurality of broadcast ~~broadcasting~~ programs and program information of the plurality of broadcast ~~broadcasting~~ programs are multiplexed;

~~an extraction unit for extracting the program information from the television broadcasting signal received by said receiving unit;~~

~~an input unit for inputting recommended program information from an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user;~~

an image generation unit for generating an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) image based on the program information;

a control unit for ~~retrieving the program information relating to the recommended program information, and for controlling the image generation unit, in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does not exist, to generate a normal EPG image, and in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does exist, to generate a special EPG image in which the recommended program is notably displayed~~ controlling the image generation unit so as to generate a plurality of EPG images with a same EPG screen layout

according to at least three operation modes comprising a normal program selection mode, a recommended program selection mode and a recommended program import mode,

wherein the EPG image in the normal program selection mode comprises a two-dimensional program table and a selected program window in which program information relating to a broadcast program selected by a user on the two-dimensional program table is displayed,

wherein the EPG image in the recommended program selection mode adds, to the EPG in the normal program selection mode, a recommendation index input window in which a recommendation index input by the user for the selected broadcast program is displayed, wherein a recommendation information including the recommendation index can be exported to an external apparatus which is accessible by another user, and

wherein in the EPG image in the recommended program import mode, the program information for the broadcast program recommended by another user is notably displayed on the EPG image in the normal program selection mode.

49. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the special EPG image comprises a two-dimensional program table displayed with a different display form for program boxes on the table between the recommended program and a non-recommended program wherein in the EPG image in the recommended program import mode, the two-dimensional program table is displayed with a different display form for program boxes on the table between the recommended broadcast program and a non-recommended broadcast program.

50. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the program box for the recommended broadcast program is displayed brighter than other programs, with a focus frame or with an icon representative of the recommendation indices.

51. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim [[49]] 48, further comprising a selecting unit for selecting the broadcast [[a]] program selected by [[a]] the user from a plurality of broadcast programs contained in the two-dimensional program table, and a processing unit for processing the video signal of the selected broadcast program.

52. (Currently Amended) A receiving method ~~for a receiving apparatus~~, comprising the steps of:

receiving a television broadcasting signal in which video signals of a plurality of broadcast ~~broadcasting~~ programs and program information of the plurality of broadcast ~~broadcasting~~ programs are multiplexed;

~~extracting the program information from the television broadcasting signal received in the receiving step;~~

~~inputting recommended program information from an external apparatus; which is accessible by another user;~~

generating an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) image based on the program information; [[and]]

retrieving the program information relating to the recommended program information, and controlling, so as to generate a normal EPG image in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does not exist, and to generate a special EPG image in which the recommended program is notably displayed in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does exist;

controlling the image generation unit so as to generate a plurality of EPG images with a same EPG screen layout according to at least three operation modes comprising a normal program selection mode, a recommended program selection mode and a recommended program import mode,

wherein the EPG image in the normal program selection mode comprises a two-dimensional program table and a selected program window in which program information relating to a broadcast program selected by a user on the two-dimensional program table is displayed,

wherein the EPG image in the recommended program selection mode adds, to the EPG in the normal program selection mode, a recommendation index input window in which a recommendation index input by the user for the selected broadcast program is displayed, wherein a recommendation information including the recommendation index can be exported to an external apparatus which is accessible by another user, and

wherein in the EPG image in the recommended program import mode, the program information for the broadcast program recommended by another user is notably displayed on the EPG image in the normal program selection mode.